

**SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2008,
and re-authorized in 2012**

Chippewa National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

Project Proposal Decision Meeting

August 29, 2012

Chase on the Lake, Walker Minnesota

RAC Members present: Elmer Cone, Harold Goetzmann, James Ballenthin, Dick Downham, Gene Larimore, Stephen Wilds, Mike Carroll, Jim Demgen, Catherine McLynn, Christina Bowstring and Kathleen Miller.

Chippewa NF : Darla Lenz (Forest Supervisor), Todd Tisler (Acting NR Team Leader), Nancy S Larson (Public Services Team Leader, Carolyn Upton (Walker District Ranger), and Melissa Rickers (Recorder)

Public: Jim Gustafson ,District Manager Itasca Soil and Water

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Catherine McLynn, RAC Chair:

Welcome & Opening Remarks from Darla Lenz

- Thank you
- Timeframe for recommending projects
- Reauthorized for one year at approximately \$150,000
- Purpose of Act: School and Roads, Road Maintenance, Watershed Restoration, and Improve Relationships

Introductions of all present.

RAC Process Update – Nancy Larson

- Reviewed all materials mailed to committee members
- Covered process used to solicit new proposals

Approved Project Update – Todd Tisler

- Reviewed each project that was funded the last time and the status of each project.
- All funds have been obligated

Funding Projects Discussion and Information

- **Decision:**
Do not consider past “unfunded” projects unless they have been resubmitted (two had been re-submitted)
- **Decision:**
Committee wanted to hear about new projects that were submitted to help prioritize projects and funding for each. They discussed: Cloverleaf Impoundment, Jesse Lake Restoration, Beltrami Country 307 and Shingobee Connection Trail.
- **Decision:**
The Shingobee Connection Trail is a new project and Title II funds cannot be used for a new project. The remaining three projects will be included in the prioritizing and funding discussion

- **Decision:**

The RAC Committee examined and discussed projects that were partially funded last year and their capacity to do additional work with additional funding and recommended the following projects be recommended: Invasive Purple Loosestrife, Pughole Lake Erosion Control, National Forest Campground Site Rehabilitation, FS Boat Access Repairs, Permanent Wildlife Openings, Riparian Forestland Enhancement, NF Campgrounds Roads and Spurs Maintenance, and Miscellaneous Road Maintenance.

- **Decision:**

The RAC Committee discussed the following projects and deferred providing any additional funding at this time: Ladyslipper Restoration Transplanting, and Wild Parsnip Mowing along Onigum Road

Funding Decisions:

- **Decision:**

The RAC Committee recommended the following projects be funded for the minimum capacity for additional funding.

2011 Approved Projects:

Number	Title	Amount
2	Invasive Purple Loosestrife	10,000
11	Pughole Lake Road Erosion Control	10,000
6	National Forest Campground Site Rehab	9,000
7	FS Boat Access Repairs	15,000
14a	Permanent Wildlife Openings	10,000
15	Riparian Forestland Enhancement	15,000
22	NF Campground Roads and Spurs Maint.	5,000
23	Miscellaneous Road Maintenance	10,000

- **Decision:**

The RAC Committee recommended the following 2012 new proposed projects be funded for the minimum capacity for additional funding.

Title	Amount
Cloverleaf Impoundment Repair – Blackduck RD	27,000
Jesse Lake Restoration of Stream Activities – Itasca SWCD	10,000
Beltrami County 307 Turtle river Crossing Improvement	20,000

- **Decision:**

Any excess funds, the RAC recommends that the funds go to projects NF Campground Roads and Spur Maintenance and Miscellaneous Road Maintenance) as the USFS, CNF sees the need; i.e. let Forest Service decide how to prioritize and disperse funding between these two projects.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:35